

THE DEPARTMENT WORKERS

Interesting Gossip Gleaned Among Employees of Government Bureaus.

TRUE STORIES OF A COMPOSITOR'S EXPERIENCE

Some of the Remarkable Things Which Happened to a Government Printing Office Employee--The Popularity of Captain Ferree.

One of the best compositors on Mr. Young's force of the Government Printing Office is William B. Tanner. "Bill," as he is favorably known by his friends, made his debut in the Government employ along in the early '90s, but became separated from the office several years later on account of a change in Administration. He then departed for the Dakotas, where he found different occupations, namely, shoveling snow (helped dig out a train that had been snowbound in one of the storms of that section), printing, and sometimes taking a hand in baseball.

In the latter pastime he had a narrow escape from an angry mob. Mr. Tanner, it appears, was engaged by a club to play a game with a rival team from a neighboring town, and took the responsible position behind the bat, as he needed no mask, and was good at kicking and coaching. The game progressed peaceably until the final inning, when, with his side at bat, three men on bases and the opposing nine with one score to the good, "Bill" stepped up to the plate, took the pole in hand and fanned the air.

The opposing pitcher thereupon congratulated him, which looked suspicious to his companions, and raised their ire to such an extent that a rope was purchased to hang the catcher. Tanner escaped by hiring a special train and getting out of town at once. He says this is a true incident of his career.

At another time, when he had not enough money to take him to the next town, he started to walk across the prairie, when he spied a monster buffalo, with horns that would decorate the walls of any mansion. Mr. Tanner noticed this and immediately gave chase, running the buffalo for fifty-eight miles, when the animal had to succumb from fatigue. Mr. Tanner then picked up a stone and broke off the horns from the animal's head, and has them in his room now. This, he says, is also a true incident.

At one time Mr. Tanner organized a fire company in the office of the G. P. O. from the new recruits coming from the country offices. One fellow was given his station near the front of the office, and was told by his chief that for the time being a colored man would be his superior, to whom he was expected to do homage on all occasions. To this the new member from the Southland demurred, and was told by his superior that for \$5 he could resign his station, which Mr. Tanner "picked up" at once. This is similarly vouched for.

A great many anecdotes could be given of Mr. Tanner's career, but would be interesting reading, (and he says they are true) to his many friends. He is a widower and withal a general favorite.

"Want to see Captain Ferree, eh?" interrogated a watchman near the door of the office of the Auditor for the Treasury. "Well, don't you know, I do believe that young man is known to everybody in this town? Yes, sir, they come from the National Guard, for he's a captain now you know, and a powerful good one, too, let me tell you! He made 'em hop' in a straight line down the Avenue when the Prince of Prussia came to town. And Spanish war veterans? Well, they seem to think he's the main thing in Lawton command. By the way, these Lawton fellows are 'high steppers,' sure. The messenger to the Auditor says they're 'dead swell guys,' and that 'Gen. Henry W. Lawton in spirit and Henry W. Lawton Command, No. 38, Spanish War Veterans in life are synonymous,' whatever that means. I suppose it's all right, though, for the Captain is strictly all right, with the Union label side up every time. He's another kind of a veteran, too, I can tell you!

"Young fellow," said he, taking hold of the lapel of his interviewer's coat, "if you could just lay your peepers on some of the beautiful young ladies that come here to see Captain Ferree you'd think he was president of the Good Looker Club or a Congressman without a family in town."

"Say, young man, this card reads Evening Times! Are you a reporter? You are? Well, goah darn my buttons if I haven't been, directly as not, getting my friend, the captain, into trouble. But you won't print what I've said, will you? No? Thanks, thank you, sir!

"You see, sir, the captain wouldn't mind me tellin' about his National Guard command, for he is proud of his boys, and has a fine company, everybody knows that; nor that he is a crack sharpshooter. Neither about the 'Blue and the Gray' uniformed boys, either. You know he belonged to the First District Regiment, I guess? Well, to be sure. Those Ferree boys were grand soldiers, and the people here in the District knew it, too, when the regiment came back and the boys in the private's uniform got to talking. Sheridan Ferree was first sergeant of Company K, Captain Glendie B. Young's command. Yes, sir; and you know he must have been a fine soldier, or Colonel Harries wouldn't have promoted him to a second lieutenant--of C Company. Of course everybody round here knows he's an obliging, painstaking, and proficient clerk. It isn't any of these things I mind you printing, but if The Times should give away Captain Ferree's popularity with the young ladies, all the fellows in the office would be green-eyed sure, and--

"Never mind taking your card in! How's that? You get all the what? Perfectionists!"

Just then "Old Bull" on Thirteenth Street, blew the distress signal--for the factory hands to go to work, and which also serves a double purpose of warning the Government clerks to prepare for lunch, and as numerous ladies and gentlemen wedded their way elevator and downward, I "fraternized" and the inspiring voice of the watchman died in the distance.

One of the most efficient employees in the Pension Office is Mr. John B. Ward, of the special examination division. He is a native of New Jersey, and though long a resident of the Capital, has never

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VARIOUS CAUSES OF CRUSH

Important Measures Pending in Congress--With Accompanying Droves of Lobbyists--Officeholders and Their Friends--Society's Devotees.

The hotels of Washington are in an unusually crowded condition, and during the last day or two have been compelled to turn away scores and hundreds of would-be guests. It is said that the number of people who sought accommodations at the New Willard yesterday, but were denied for lack of room, was close to the two hundred mark. The Raleigh, the Arlington, the Shoreham, the Ebbitt, the National, the Metropolitan, and, in fact, nearly all the large homes for the homeless, have more guests than they know what to do with.

Some of the Causes.

The causes underlying this condition, which brings mingled gratification and regret to the local business, are of course, at the time of some great national event like an inauguration the wherefore of the matter would be easy to come at, but at present nothing of the kind is going on.

A large proportion of the out-of-town visitors may be accounted for by the number and importance of the bills pending before Congress. Every legislative movement has its opponents and its supporters, and while the lobbyists may never actually set foot in the lobbies of either House of Congress, they must have had arrangements made for the reception of the visitors are men who have some pet hobby of their own which they are anxious to have taken up by the national legislative body.

Many others from distant States are here in the interests of some one who wants a federal appointment, or of some one who has one and wants to keep it. Still others are seeking political "jobs" for themselves. Many of this class will gravitate from the down-town hotels to the less pretentious boarding houses in the course of several weeks, when the realization finally dawns upon them that it takes a great deal more influence to get a position in Washington than it does at home.

Society and Excursions.

Another factor in putting a strain upon the hotel capacity is the closing of the Lenten period, and the reopening of the social season with more than its usual brilliancy. Society is very prone immediately after a more or less strictly observed Lenten season to make things hum for a space before leaving town for the summer. A brilliant social season always makes good business for the inns of the city.

Still another class that has done its share during the week to augment the stream of visitors flowing through the hotel corridors is the Capital are the tourists. This is the time of Easter holidays, and excursions to greatly reduced railroad rates, and Washington is always a great deal more influential to get a position in Washington than it does at home.

Movements of Battleships.

Uncle Sam's Vessels Cruising All Round the World.

Rear Admiral Remy's flagship, the armored cruiser Brooklyn, arrived at Suez yesterday on her way from the Philippines.

The converted steamship Rainbow, which is to be used as a stationary flagship at Cavite, arrived there yesterday after a voyage of 11,000 miles from New York. It is understood here that Rear Admiral Frank Wildes will be assigned to her.

The flagship Kearsarge (Rear Admiral Higginson) and the battleship Indiana of the North Atlantic Squadron have arrived at Port of Spain, Trinidad, and the battleships Alabama and Massachusetts of the same squadron at St. Pierre, Martinique.

The dispatch boat Dolphin, in which Rear Admiral Bradford has been making an inspection trip in the West Indies, sailed from Key West for Washington yesterday.

The training ship Topeka has arrived at Port Royal, S. C., and the training ship Essex at the Norfolk Navy Yard, where she will be surveyed and repaired. The cruiser New Orleans has sailed from Honolulu for Nagasaki, and the collier Hannah from San Juan, P. R., for Norfolk.

The training ship Monongahela will be repaired at the New York Navy Yard.

BENEFIT FOR MR. McENANEY.

Entertainment and Dance at the National Rifles Armory.

An entertainment and dance was given last night at the National Rifles Armory by the friends of Mr. Charles F. McEnaney, for the latter's benefit. The affair was under the direction of Mr. Charles F. Weston and Mr. Finley S. Hayes, and the entertainment, especially the musical part thereof, was a success from every point of view.

The first number on the programme was a farce entitled "A Night at the Club" and it was presented with great elation by Mr. Charles F. Weston, Mr. Finley S. Hayes, Mr. William Murphy, Mr. Thomas Esperson, Mr. Joseph H. Dierken, and others who contributed toward the entertainment of the evening with music, songs, and recitations were: Messrs. Fred Seyferth, William Murphy, Joseph H. Dierken, Edward J. Walsh, Arthur E. Middleton, Joseph Cullen, Thomas Quigley, Dick Smith, Harry B. Wright, and George O'Connor.

The following committee had charge of the entertainment: William C. Connor, chairman; William B. Hyde, J. A. B. Esplanade, Robert T. Stack, Frank J. McNally, Gustave W. Wiegand, Hamilton R. Roy, Walter S. Oliver, Fred W. Seyferth, Joseph George Wright, Elliott Brown, George S. Warren, Frank Lannan, Douglas Murray, Samuel Koeckegoy.

FUNERAL OF MR. BLAIR.

Services at His Home and Interment at Rock Creek Cemetery.

The funeral of Mr. Jessup Blair was held at his residence, 12 Lafayette Square, this morning at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. E. Slater Dunlap, assistant rector of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. James Walter Clark. Interment was made in the family vault at Rock Creek Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Mr. Woodbury Blair, Mr. Gist Blair, and Mr. Montgomery Blair, cousins of the deceased. Mr. Blair Lee, also a cousin, Dr. S. O. Ricker, and Mr. Albert Covington Janis, of Louisiana, a brother-in-law.

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WEALTHY WOMAN GOOD SAMARITAN

Interested Herself in a Stranger Who Was Sick and Destitute.

NEW YORK, April 4.--Poorly clad and ill, a woman, about forty years old, sat on a bench in Madison Square yesterday afternoon. She was so ill she could not care for herself, but for a long time no one noticed her. She was seen by hundreds of persons who sat in the park or passed by the bench, but no one seemed to see her condition.

A hansom cab rolled up Fifth Avenue about two hours after the sick woman had fallen first to the ground, and then, signalled to her driver to pull up at the curb, and as he did so she made him get down and told a policeman to look after the woman.

Policeman Hession said the woman was ill and sent to the New York Hospital for "Sick and destitute," and took the woman away. She described herself as Annie Olsen, without a home. The woman had gotten down and told a policeman to look after the woman.

Payne Whitney soon TO BE A DIPLOMAT

Mentioned to Succeed Henry White at London.

Latter's Appointment as Ambassador to Italy Expected Within a Short Time. Cabinet Dinner's Significance.

An interesting bit of news in diplomatic circles is that Payne Whitney, son-in-law of Secretary Hay, will succeed Henry White as ambassador to Italy.

Mrs. Payne Whitney, who was Helen Hay, has a host of friends in London, whom she made during her father's term as the American Ambassador at London. Mr. Whitney would doubtless be able to fill with ability the post with which reports now connect his name.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne Whitney, who have been spending the last month in Washington since returning from their honeymoon trip to Thomasville, Ga., left for New York on Wednesday. On Tuesday evening the President and Mrs. Roosevelt dined at the Secretary of State's house.

It was known at that time that the dinner had a two-fold significance, inasmuch as it was a Cabinet dinner and also given for the purpose of making formal announcement to President and Mrs. Roosevelt of the engagement of Miss Alice Hay to James Wadsworth, Jr. Now it is said there was a three-fold significance, and that the President, the Secretary of State, and Payne Whitney privately talked over the matter of the appointment to the Court of St. James.

Possibly the announcement will be made before Mr. Whitney's approaching departure for Europe with his bride. Payne Whitney and his bride, who arrived in New York from Washington on Wednesday evening, are stopping at the residence of his uncle, Oliver H. Payne, 522 Fifth Avenue, in that city. The young couple intend to make New York their home, but as yet have not decided upon a residence. They will reside at the Payne residence until such time as they fit up their own home.

TAKOMA PARK DRAMATICS.

Suburbanites Entertained by a Comedietta and Recitations.

The amateur dramatic talent of Takoma Park gave the most successful entertainment of the season at that place last night for the benefit of the local Masonic lodge.

A sparkling comedietta, "Cicely's Cavalier," by Dix, was the event of the evening. It gave Mrs. E. V. Wilcox, the elocutionist, and four other persons the opportunity to display quite an unusual amount of comely talents.

Mrs. Wilcox as Cicely Waddington, a pretty Puritan maiden of the wars of Charles I and his Parliament, was coy and witty by turns, and quite captured the hearts of her audience, as well as that of Capt. Richard Carraway, the swash-buckler captain of the King, played by Mr. Ben G. Davis.

Mr. Davis, Morse, as the timid parson, afraid of being killed by Captain Carraway, made one of the humorous bits of the evening. Mr. E. V. Wilcox and Mrs. Louis Moore were also excellent. Recitations by Mrs. Wilcox also solos by Mrs. Long were features of the entertainment.

A solo band of home talent rendered a number of selections in a captivating manner, and a comely cantata caused much laughter and applause.

The large hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and the "standing room only" sign was exhibited early in the evening. The amount realized for the lodge was large.

VON BUELOW'S PLAN FAILS.

South Germany Opposed to Increasing Grain Tariffs.

BERLIN, April 4.--Count Von Buelow, Imperial Chancellor, has failed in an attempt to conciliate the Agrarians.

Von Buelow intended to make further concessions to them in the matter of augmenting of grain tariffs.

Count Von Posadowsky-Webner, Secretary of State for the Interior, was charged with the duty of obtaining the consent of the South German Governments to such concessions. The Governments of Saxony, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, and Baden, however, refused decidedly to give their consent.

LATEST IN HABERDASHERY.

Parisian Swells Wearing Swedish Leather Neckties.

PARIS, April 4.--A new fad in the way of haberdashery has made its appearance here.

The swells on the boulevard and other fashionable promenade are now wearing neckties made of Swedish leather, with gloves to match.

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EX-PREMIER OF JAPAN ARRIVES IN CHICAGO

He and Party Were Snow-bound in Dakota.

ARE TOURING THE WORLD

Count Mutsukata Is in America for the Purpose of Studying Financial Condition of This Country--Japan Looking for the Best in Revenue Systems.

CHICAGO, April 4.--Still shivering from the blizzard in the Dakotas, where they were snowbound for three days, Count Mutsukata, ex-Premier of Japan, and his party arrived in Chicago late last night.

Count Mutsukata retired as soon as he reached the Auditorium Annex.

T. Mezaki, director general of revenue in Japan, who accompanied the Count as the official representative of his country, talked of the trip.

"The tour of America is being made for a study of our economic and financial conditions. Our revenue system in Japan is changing all the time, and we want to adopt the best methods we can find in the world."

Count Mutsukata and his party will leave for New York Saturday evening, and will proceed to Washington to confer with Secretary of the Treasury Shau and also to pay respects to the President.

The party sails from New York for Southampton April 22.

SURBRIDGE, OF BOSTON, LOCATED IN THE WEST

The Missing Lawyer May Be Brought Back.

He Disappeared in January, and His Disappearance Caused Sorrow to Business Associates in the Hub.

BOSTON, April 4.--Randolph C. Surbridge, lawyer and promoter, whose disappearance from Boston on January 24 caused sorrow to a number of persons with whom he had business dealings, has been located in a Western city and may be brought back to this city to answer serious charges.

Persons interested in estates of which he was manager, men and women who gave him money for stocks, and lawyers who represent them, have been hunting for him since he went away, and letters he has sent to Boston are said to have resulted in giving those who desire his arrest the clue they have been hunting for.

His total liabilities are said to be about \$200,000, and his assets consist only of stocks, on which it is thought something may be realized.

STUDENT OF LUNACY LOSSES HIS REASON.

Prof. Colgrove Became Demented While Investigating Insanity.

ST. PAUL, April 4.--Passengers who suffered on the Great Northern blockaded train in North Dakota and who were taken to the hospital, are improving.

Prof. Colgrove of the University of Washington, is recovering from his wounds inflicted with suicidal intent, but it is doubtful if his mind will be restored.

Passengers on their blockaded trains arrived today. Many of them were exhausted and on the verge of insanity.

It appears that Prof. Colgrove, who had the chair of philosophy, had devoted his last days of the college at Seattle to the study of insanity. He worked very hard, and feeling that he was going insane himself, resigned.

DISLOCATED HIS HEART.

Indiana Farmer Dying From Strange Accident.

LA PORTE, Ind., April 4.--Isaac Dishong, a farmer, of this vicinity, is dying of a dislocated heart.

Three weeks ago, while attempting to steer a wagon down an incline, he was thrown from the vehicle. The fall was of such force that his heart moved four inches out of place.

Inflammation has set in, and the physicians have abandoned hope of saving his life.

TO DESTROY MONASTERIES.

Speakers Advise Spanish Anti-Clericals to Use Dynamite.

MADRID, April 4.--A big anti-clerical meeting, at which the speakers urged the use of dynamite against the monasteries, was held here last night.

The meeting was finally broken up and the audience dispersed by the police.

MARGHERITA RENEWS PLANS.

Determines Anew to Visit America--Will Come in Autumn.

ROME, April 4.--Dowager Queen Margherita, who recently abandoned her trip to America because of the illness of her mother, the Dowager Duchess of Genoa, now intends to make the tour in the coming autumn. She will return home by way of Canada.

Good for the Babies.

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CHILDREN'S MASQUERADE.

Annual Ball to Be Given by the Saengerbund This Evening.

The annual children's masquerade ball of the Washington Saengerbund will take place this evening at the National Rides Armory.

The affair is anticipated with great joy by the youthful mummies, and for weeks they and their parents and friends have been planning disguises for this evening which will not only be original and beautiful, but which will also capture a prize. A number of prizes have been set aside by the Saengerbund for the best, the most beautiful, and most original costume for both boys and girls.

On next Sunday evening the eighth musical entertainment of the season will take place at the hall of the "bund. A programme of unusual artistic merit will be presented.

Dr. Talmage's Condition.

Dr. C. L. Magruder, the physician attending the Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage, said today that the latter's condition is somewhat improved at the present time. This improvement, though slight, is greatly encouraging to the doctor's relatives.

Dr. Magruder stated, however, that Dr. Talmage is still a very sick man, and is not able to sit up in bed.

LANE'S THIRD VICTIM DIES.

Seven-Year-Old Furbush Child Succumbs to Wounds.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 4.--Elois Jarden, or Furbush, the seven-year-old child who was shot by William H. Lane, a negro servant on Monday, at the time her mother and sister were murdered, died in the Hahnemann Hospital at 5:20 this morning, after tenaciously clinging to her life under conditions that were remarkable for one of her age.

SAILORS REFUSE TO WORK.

Schooner Campbell Flies Flag of Distress.

NEW YORK, April 4.--The three-masted schooner Isaac T. Campbell, of Boston, bound out in ballast for Savannah, was anchored off Clifton with her colors set Union down, indicating distress.

Enquiry of Captain Waldever developed the fact that the foremast hands, four in number, had become dissatisfied with the vessel and refused duty.

The police authorities were notified.

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